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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2003. Claims 1-18 were pending. Claims 6, 7, 12 and 18 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, applicant has cancelled all non-allowed claims. Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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